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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**Applicant(s):** Ricky Amos, et al.**Examiner:** Matthew C. Landau**Serial No:** 09/995,031**Art Unit:** 2815**Filed:** November 29, 2001**Docket:** YOR920010633US1 (19031)**For:** HIGH TEMPERATURE PROCESSING
COMPATIBLE METAL GATE ELECTRODE
FOR pFETs AND METHOD FOR FABRICATION**Dated:** October 18, 2005**Confirmation No:** 9669Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**DECLARATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.131**

Sir:

We, Ricky Amos, Douglas A. Buchanan, Cyril Cabral, Jr., Alessandro C. Callegari, Supratik Guha, Hyungjun Kim, Fenton R. McFeely, Vijay Narayanan, Kenneth Rodbell, and John J. Yurkas, hereby declare that:

1. We are co-inventors of the subject matter described and claimed in the above-identified patent application.

2. Prior to October 18, 2001, which is the effective filing date of U.S. Patent No. 6,458,695 to Lin, et al. ("Lin, et al."), we have conceived and reduced to practice a semiconductor structure such as, a metal oxide semiconductor (MOS) or a field effect transistor (FET), that includes a semiconductor substrate having source and drain regions, a gate dielectric having a thickness of less than 100 Å on the semiconductor substrate; and a

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gate formed of a metal comprising Re on top of the gate dielectric, as is recited in Claims 1 and 10 of the present application.

3. As evidence of the conception and reduction to practice of the claimed semiconductor structure referred to in paragraph 2 prior to the effective filing date of Lin, et al., annexed hereto are Exhibits A and B. Exhibit A is a true photocopy of IBM Invention Disclosure YOR820010675, which was created prior to October 18, 2001. Exhibit A includes a Main Ideal section for the Invention Disclosure which describes the fabrication of a semiconductor structure such as a MOS or FET that includes Re as the gate electrode. Exhibit B is the inventors' write-up of the Disclosure that was also created prior to the effective filing date of Lin, et al. This write-up provides greater detail of the invention presently claimed including experimental data that establishes clear evidence of actual fabrication of the claimed semiconductor structure. All names and dates have been redacted in the preparation of this Declaration.

4. We do hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity or enforceability of the patent.

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